

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - 27th August 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 26th Sun 27th	Vigil	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Mary Allerston (A) Maureen & Joe Smith (A) Parishioners
Mon 28th	St Augustine	7.00 pm	Wilkinson Family (sick)
Tue 29th	Passion of St John the Baptist	9.30 am	David Coutts (A)
Wed 30th	St Edmund Arrowsmith	12 noon	Special Intention (RG)
Thu 31st		12 noon	Requiem Amelio Romolo Montai
Fri 1st		No Mass	Church open for private prayer
Sat 2nd Sun 3rd	Wedding Service Vigil 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	2.00 pm 5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Tristan Smith & Caroline Preston Parishioners Diana Scanlon (Enright) (bd) Michael Joseph Gill (A)



"You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

Matthew 16:18

Confessions:

Mon 6.30 pm
 Thur 11.30 am
 Sun 8.45 - 9.15 am

PLEASE PRAY for all who are sick and housebound or in hospital, for all those who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Allerston, Maureen & Joe Smith, Marjorie Morrison, Joan McLoughlin, Francis Place, Matthew Murphy, Frances Banks, Cecily Danahy, Colette McKenna, Eveline McKeown, Valerie Rooney, Vincent Roberts, Nonnie Dunn, Terence Pettit, Winifred O'Hare, John Creighton, David Coutts, Michael Joseph Gill.

LATELY DEAD: Amelio Montai, Bob Keen, Barbara Knight, Fr Gerald Hurst, Elizabeth Judge, Dot Judkin, Stella McHugh.

SICK: Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Paula Williams, Rio Dinnell Alexandria, Joe McNicholas.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

will be making a collection after all Masses this week-end.



TEA AND COFFEE will be served after the 9.30am and 11.00am Masses today. All proceeds to the Lourdes Fund.



to any visitors and new parishioners.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Fr James Preston** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Dorothy Kean** (98th birthday)



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE AND THE MARIAN CANDLE

can be requested for many reasons. A dedication to a member of your family, young or old, living or dead. For a friend who is in need of prayer. An anniversary, or for yourself for a private intention. Choose a particular week throughout the year, put the name and date on an envelope together with a donation and give it to Fr James or bring it to the parish office.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congratulations on wanting your child to receive the gift of Baptism. Please see Fr James after Mass to discuss it. A date can be arranged, for a Sunday, after completion of a three-week course.

Courses are held in:

January for baptisms in **Feb, March and April**

April for baptisms in **May, June and July**

July for baptisms in **Aug Sept and Oct**

October for baptisms in **Nov, Dec and Jan**

MUSIC ON 3 & 10 SEPT

9.30am ORGAN

11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY 19/20 August

Plate: £386.88 Envelopes: £703.95 S/O: £411.25

Total: £1502.08

Lourdes Tea Money: £12.57

Donation towards boiler: £50.00

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 19/20 August

5.00pm: 157 9.30am: 139 11.00am: 169

Total: 465

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations to **Tristan Smith** and **Caroline Preston** who will married here on Saturday 2 September at 2.00 pm.



We wish them all the best for their future together and ask you to keep them in your prayers.

Parish Social

Friday 29 September, 7.30 pm

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Hall

High Park Street

Admission: £5.00 (Includes buffet)

Live music, raffle & bingo

Tickets on sale after Masses or from the Parish Office

CALLED BEYOND

This is a new initiative developed by the **National Office for Vocations**. It is an



Helping people hear God's call

opportunity for all Catholics to celebrate the call of Christ in our lives.

This Pastoral Area has been chosen to launch a pilot scheme which will take place in October of this year. It will explore the vocation of all of us from youth, young adults, married people as well as those called to religious life and the priesthood.

More information will be given in due course.

GIFT AID - Offertory Collection

If you pay tax and have not already taken out **Gift Aid** on your donation and wish to do so, please contact the parish office on 0151 727 2493. Doing so increases your donation by 25% at no expense to you, as we claim that amount from the Inland Revenue.

Thought for the Week:

Be kind and merciful. Let no-one ever come to you without going away better and happier. (St Teresa of Calcutta)

HEATING SYSTEM

The Archdiocese Surveyor has recently informed me that the Church heating system needs to be replaced. The current boiler is **over 40 years old** and it is becoming increasingly difficult to find spare parts for the boiler. The cost to replace it will be **£14,400.00**. Hopefully we will be able to have this replaced before the end of this year. The money raised at the Summer Fair will go towards the cost of the boiler. This is a good start to the fundraising we need to do to replace it. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Fr James

Thank you to all those who have given donations. Up to now we have received £2592.52, this amount includes the Summer Fair, but we still have a long way to go to reach our target.

Lucky Number Club – Assin Foso

The Assin Foso group is starting a lucky number club to fund-raise for the parish and school in Ghana. The cost is £2.50 a month (paid by direct debit) with a chance of winning one of 3 cash prizes. **Alternatively, you can pay by cheque either £30 for the full year or £15 for 6 months.** Please attach your cheque to the form. We are hoping to start the monthly draws in October. To sign up & be allocated a number please collect a form from the back of church. Forms should be returned to the Parish office where they will be stored securely.

If you need any more information please ask a member of the committee (Julie Devine, Tony Wardale, Sean Morgan, Jacinta Hartman, Angelina Boateng, Jim Doyle and Susan Murray) or contact us at assinfoso@gmail.com

Thank you for your on-going support

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

If your child is going into year 4 in September they are eligible to begin the Preparation Programme for First Confession and First Holy Communion. Please contact the parish office for more details.

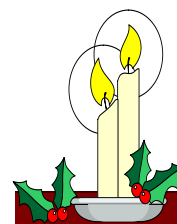
Messy Church would like to thank John Cotter for his generous donation to our funds in memory of his mum, Brenda. It's a wonderful boost to our budget. Thanks again John.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended the Film Night on Tuesday. A total of £158.00 was raised in aid of the Assin Foso Ghana Fund.

'SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS' CONCERT AT THE LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC

A wonderful evening of Christmas music by the Liverpool Philharmonic Choir, Orchestra and Youth Choir conducted by Ian Tracey and hosted by Classic FM's John Suchet. This year's guest star is Mexican tenor Jesús León.

We have a block booking for **Friday 22nd December, 7.30 pm**. Tickets are £30 which is a discount of £5 per head. These are being held for us until **31st October**. If you would like to go please give your name and payment to Val at the Parish Office. Tickets will be allocated on a strictly 'first come first served' basis.



The next series of support meetings for Divorced and Separated Catholics

will start in September 2017. The course is for those who are separated, those who are currently going through a divorce, or those who are already divorced, whether recently or at any time in the past. The small groups are informative, affirming, free and confidential.

To book a place on the Aintree course: Contact Maureen O'Brien 07967 753 371.

To book a place on the South Liverpool course: Contact Frances Trotman 0151 727 2195

Would you like to learn more about our Catholic Faith?

Was the last time you studied your faith at school? It is important that we continue on a path of life-long learning so that we are spiritually renewed in life's journey. A group of Catholic lay people are coming on **Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm** (starting on **25th September**) for six weeks of Catechesis and Prayer for adults. This course is suitable for Catholics, enquirers and anyone interested in the faith. (The format of the evening does not involve group discussion - talks will be given).

Fr James

IF SOMEONE IS ILL

If you, or someone you know of, becomes ill, goes into hospital, or is no longer able to get to Mass, please contact the parish office 0151 727 2493.

PIETY SHOP

We have a selection of cards, rosary beads and prayer books available for sale in the Piety Shop. If anyone can help on a Saturday night please contact the Parish Office.

CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING

The 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday 10th September will include a celebration in Thanksgiving for all the children who have been Baptised during the last eighteen months and will be followed with light refreshments in the Parish Hall.



MARRIAGE ENQUIRERS

For all enquirers about weddings please see Fr. Preston after one of the weekend Masses. Wedding bookings and preparation cannot be arranged by email. If you are getting married at St. Charles and St. Thomas More, or abroad, six months' notice is required for the necessary paperwork to be completed.

SOME MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH

Do you co-ordinate any type of group within our parish? Please send details to Martin, Barbara or Val and we will include them in this column. All meetings take place in the hall unless otherwise stated.

MESSY CHURCH Third Saturday of every month, 11 am - 1 pm. Fun activities: painting, crafts, stories, etc. All ages welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Lunch provided.

CUPPA AND CHAT each Monday 10.30am - 12 noon. Young and old are invited, bring your toddler or baby along if you wish.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP meets monthly, usually, but not always, in a member's home and on the first Monday of the month from 8 to 9 pm. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to join us ring 727 2195 to check date and venue.

PENSIONERS CLUB Mondays at 2pm.

PIZZA & PRAYERS YOUTH GROUP meets once a month on a Sunday from 6:30 - 8 pm. Open to young people in High school. See notices for dates.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP meets at 6 pm on the last Tuesday in every month.

PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP meets on Wednesday mornings from 9.30 am - 11.30 am in the Parish Meeting Room. Parents/grandparents are invited to come along and join in.

BINGO Friday evenings at 7.30pm.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP Thursdays 7.00pm. For more details, ring Brenda on 728 7048

TEA AND COFFEE is served on Sunday after each Mass. Proceeds to Lourdes Youth Fund.

SOUP AND A ROLL is served on the 1st Thursday of the month after 12 noon Mass. All welcome.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE meets monthly to plan and organise social activities within the parish community. If you are interested in joining this group please contact the parish office.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA Council 9 welcomes Catholic men to come and meet us and find out more about what we do. If you are interested please ring Aidan Carney on 0151 427 7126.

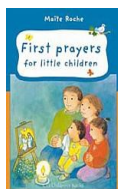
BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM aims to support families within the parish who have experienced bereavement. If you are interested in joining this group, or if you or anyone in your family would like support from this group, please contact the Parish Office.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (18-35) meets on the third Wednesday of every month for Mass and a Meal.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER BOOKS. There is a selection of prayer books for young children which they are welcome to use during Mass. These are available at the back of church before Mass.

TO OUR YOUNG CHILDREN

There are some prayer books and story books in a box at the back of church for you to use while you are at Mass. Hope you enjoy them.



CAR PARK

Please note the car park is locked directly after Mass on Saturday evening and at 1pm on Sundays.